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the moment would allow us to take a cool look at our financial situation. The motion which should be addressed is on the not to duck the issue as suspending the rules would do but to face the issue on do we really wish to give an additional decrease in taxes and in turn increase on personal taxes for the motion pending after this one is to strike the Hefner motion. I may be one who is helping next year do this very thing but this year in our financial shape this body cannot take that step. I want to vote for LB 27. I cannot vote for LB 27 in its current form. We need to seriously consider what we have done financially. This state will be in worse shape if we suspend the rules and vote on this proposal. Our state cannot afford to give a reduction to corporations whose taxes are paid out of profits while having to increase the personal taxes that are not paid out of taxes, that often are not paid out of excess dollars in a family unit, that often are paid at the cost of doing without that child's physical or doing without the necessary food or even a minimum of clothes in order to pay those taxes which must be paid on a personal basis. Next year I may be working very hard to do exactly what Senator Hefner has proposed this year but 1983, given this state's financial condition, is not the year to be making the choice which a number in this body have made. I did tell Senator Hefner I don't expect him to vote for my amendment but I would like to have the body have the opportunity to vote for the second amendment rather than suspend the rules this year on LB 27.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, do you wish to speak to this issue? Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I will put my motion behind Senator Marsh's amendment and let her have her shot.

PRESIDENT: Withdraw your motions (interruption)?

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, just put it behind hers.

PRESIDENT: Very well.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Let her go ahead of it.

PRESIDENT: The DeCamp amendment will be held in abeyance and is the Marsh motion the next one, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Marsh would move to strike the Hefner amendment adopted on May 17.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, and let's have a little order.